

RESOLUTION NUMBER 158
SICKLE CELL DISEASE COMMUNITY ADVOCATES, INC.

***WHEREAS*, Sickle Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc. was organized in 2006 as a not-for profit education and social services organization, serving the communities within and throughout the St. Louis Metropolitan Area; and**

***WHEREAS*, Caroline Douglas and Michelle Smith, Esq. founding officers, identified a need for an organization to advance medical research, medical treatment, social services and education on behalf of the affected community of individuals living with the complications of Sickle Cell Disease; and**

***WHEREAS*, SCDCA established many programs and services. It established the J.B. “Jet” Banks Scholarship for students pursuing post-secondary education, Sickle Cell Disease support groups, medical service, education and counseling, Sickle Cell Camp for children 7-18, Back to School Stock Up with school supplies, clothing and educational counseling, Speaker’s Bureau and educational materials for schools and caregivers. SCDCA also provides an annual Christmas party and gifts for challenged families of Sickle Cell.**

***WHEREAS*, in 1983, The Congressional Black Caucus called for a national month of observance for Sickle Cell Disease. President Ronald Reagan proclaimed, and Congress resolved, National Sickle Cell Awareness Month in September, 1983; and**

***WHEREAS*, SCDCA sponsors a *5K Moon Light Walk and Gospel CD Release Party*, Sunday, September 23, 2007, 4 pm at Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School, 701 Spring, St. Louis, Missouri.**

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize, commend and honor the Sickle Cell Disease Community Advocates, Inc. for the outstanding work it has done for the citizens of the City of St. Louis and the challenged families of Sickle Cell patients, and we further direct the Clerk of the Board of Aldermen to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of this proceeding and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.**

Introduced on this 21st day of September, 2007 by:

**Honorable Marlene Davis, Alderwoman, 19th Ward
Honorable Terry Kennedy, Aldermen, 18th Ward**

Adopted this the 21st day of September, 2007 by:

**Denise Watson-Wesley Coleman
Clerk, Board of Aldermen**

**Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen**

